

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0030] on pages 8 and 9 as shown below:

[0030] As illustrated in Figure 3, the rear or “grasping portion” 320 may have a reduced cross-sectional area with respect to the front or “printer interface” portion 350, such that the grasping portion is perceived by the user as convenient handle. An area on either side of the grasping portion 320 forms a finger contact area 322. In the exemplary embodiment of Fig. 3, the finger contact area 322 is shown as substantially flat; it may have other forms, such as concave or convex, so long as the appearance conveys to the user that area is a convenient and safe place to hold the consumable. In the exemplary embodiment of Figure 3, the front portion 326 of the grasping portion 320 expands in cross-sectional area, creating areas that serve as finger stops 324. As illustrated in Figure 3, the finger stops 324 present a combined surface area that is substantially equal to the difference between the surface area of the printer interface portion 350 and the area of the user interface end of the container. The finger stops 324 also further identify the grasping end as a handle, and confine the user’s fingers to the rear portion of the consumable. The finger stops 324 can be formed from a narrowing of the consumable as shown in Fig. 3, or could alternatively be protuberances extending from the container (not shown). The extended, narrowed rear portion of the consumable with rounded or softened edges, together with the finger stops, thus create a portion of the container that is isolated from the printer interconnects, and that is perceived as “safe” to grasp by the printer user. “Safe” to the user means that there is little chance of inadvertently touching a fluid interconnect or electrical contact, soiling the user’s hand or clothing, or contaminating the consumable in some manner.